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really feels little personal interest in the  
question; he has no hostile feeling to the  
Chinaman, and would willingly encourage his  
immigration. But the agitators have votes,  
and, therefore, influence; consequently they  
have succeeded in raising a movement  
against the invasion of the labour market by  
the Chinese. Already there are symptoms  
that the agitation is affecting the prospects  
of the Chinese in some branches of employ-  
ment. A boot manufacturer in San Fran-  
cisco stated that for the last four years his  
firm had employed from two hundred to  
three hundred Chinamen; but that at the  
present time they had only one hundred  
Chinese employees, and it was his intention,  
as soon as practicable, to entirely dispen-  
se with Chinese labour. It is very possi-  
ble other firms may follow the same course,  
and that some sources of industry will for the  
present be closed to the Chinese. But there  
are others in which they have no competitors.  
They may be said to wash the linen of Cal-  
ifornia, and in some important industries  
their labour is valuable and appreciated. It  
is gratifying to notice that, amidst all the agita-  
tion and clamour raised, not the slightest  
sign of a disposition to resort to violence has  
been shown by the people of San Francisco.  
The Chinese have nothing to fear in this  
direction; the only means adopted to de-  
crease their immigration will be lawful and  
peaceful ones. The Californian authorities are  
well able to protect them from any popular  
demonstrations, if, as is very improbable, any  
were contemplated. The excitement will  
most likely subside ere long, perhaps before  
any active steps have been taken to secure a  
diminution in the tide of Asiatic immigra-  
tion. If, however, the Californians are  
foolish enough to stop it altogether, they  
will soon have reason to repent the adoption  
of such a policy. They must remember that  
the Chinese are birds of passage, and are  
consequently not likely to ever outnumber the  
white population. It is also in their power,  
by wise legislation, to impose such restric-  
tions upon the Chinese as to render them,  
in a moral and sanitary sense, more respect-  
able members of the community. The fear lest  
the Asiatic element should one day become  
dominant in the Pacific States is, we think,  
a groundless one, considering that, after all  
the years' emigration has been going on from  
China thither, barely two hundred thousand  
Chinese are now to be found in the Republic.  
Few of those, too, are married, and the Chi-  
nese community depend for their increase  
entirely on immigration. In a few months  
time, probably, when the present alarm has  
gone by, the people of the Western States  
will see its groundlessness as clearly as dis-  
passionate lookers-on do now.

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A *Yacht* was fired on board the  
Chinese steamer *Arcton*, in consequence  
of the commander of that ship having received  
a dispatch from the British Government  
on Tuesday. On the 10th inst. the  
steamer was in a typical and regular assist-  
ance. The gun was fired to the alarm of  
the British. The vessel which was fired upon  
was the *Yan and Wai*.

An inquest was commenced at the  
Government Civil Hospital yesterday afternoon  
on the body of Mr. Henry Arthur Lawrence,  
who died on Tuesday. The inquest was held  
at the Government Civil Hospital, and was  
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